

Overview of Freetown Village Educational Programs

Freetown Village presents a wide variety of program activities that help people to learn about African American history, culture, and heritage.

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Outreach Programs

Touring Theater Program

Overview: You'd be surprised how many of today's issues actually concerned the Freetown Village "residents" in 1870. The characters take the audience back in time to the year 1870 to learn about the social, political, and family issues African Americans experienced.

Audience: Students & Groups

Schedule: January-June

Location: Schools & Other Sites

Length: 45 minutes-1 hour

Standards: Social Studies & Language Arts

Cost: Schools-\$350.00

Others- \$400.00

Traveling Exhibit

Overview: Imagine viewing a display of primary source materials and artifacts that provide valuable information about the touring theater program. This exhibit engages visitors in a learning experience about African American life in Indiana after the Civil War. The exhibit may accompany the touring show or stand alone as a separate exhibit.

Audience: Students & Groups

Schedule: January-June

Location: Schools & Other Site

Length: TBA

Standards: Social Studies & Language Arts

Cost: TBA

One Character Program

Overview: Every "resident" of Freetown Village has a unique story to share. "A Day in the Life of..." series features a particular historic character who shares his or her life experiences with the audience. Meet Isaiah Cuffee, *the barber*; Sarah Elizabeth Brown Cuffee, *the seamstress*; Matilda Addison, *the schoolteacher*; Eliza Moore Freeman, *the washerwoman*; Guinea Blue Farnsworth, *the farmer*; Mother Endura, *the root woman*; and Reverend Samuel P. Strong, *the preacher*.

Audience: Students & Groups

Schedule: By Request

Location: Schools & Other Sites

Length: 30 minutes

Standards: Social Studies & Language Arts

Cost: Schools-\$165

Others- \$175

Craft Workshops

Overview: Make history come alive through period crafts. Workshop participants may engage in making period crafts such as quilts, candle, ice cream, and butter. The workshops will be conducted for a small audience of about 30 people.

Audience: Students & Groups

Schedule: By Request

Location: Schools & Other Sites

Length: 45 minutes-1 hour

Standards: Social Studies, Language Arts & Mathematics

Cost: Schools-\$165.00

Others- \$185.00

Heritage Workshops

Overview: What family events stem from the past? These workshops allow participants to share in family traditions, values, genealogy, or valuable contributions of African Americans in the American society. Most workshops are conducted for a small audience of 30 people.

Audience: Students & Groups

Schedule: By Request

Location: Schools & Other Sites

Length: 45 minutes-1 hour

Standards: Social Studies, Language Art, Mathematics & Science

Cost: Schools- \$165.00

Others- \$185.00

Freetown Village Summer Youth Day Camp

Overview: Freetown Village offers a history and cultural enrichment day camp for children, ages 6-14 years. Experienced actors and teachers will engage the campers in learning African American history and culture through hands-on activities such as team and character building, crafts and heritage, and cultural awareness activities.

Audience: Children 6-14

Schedule: June-August

Location: St Alban's Church

Length: 8 hours per day

Standards: Social Studies, Language Art, Science, Math, Arts & Music

Cost: \$60.00 a week per child

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Distance Learning Program

Overview: Travel back in time with us through technology to learn African American history and culture. Freetown Village has developed a two-way interactive video and Internet-based distance learning program to support the academic standards through the arts and cultural curriculum. The program employs a cooperative strategy for students, teachers, and historians to learn about African American life in Indiana after the Civil War. Students in grades four through 12 will participate in live theatrical performances using interactive video. They will present projects live and complete follow-up activities.

Audience: Students

Schedule: Spring & Fall Semesters

Location: Schools

Length: 1 hour

Standards: Social Studies, Language Arts & Science

Cost: Interactive-\$250.00

View Only- \$100.00

Girl Scout Badge Program

Overview: Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, and Seniors will participate in workshops and hands-on activities designed to meet badge requirements.

Audience: Girl Scouts

Schedule: By Request

Location: Schools & Other Sites

Length: Varies

Standards: Social Studies & Mathematics

Cost: Girls- \$5.00

Adults- \$10.00

games, storytelling, and songs while enjoying a period meal.

Audience: Public & Groups

Schedule: Monthly/By Request

Location: TBA

Length: 2½ hours

Cost: \$35.00 Members

\$40.00 Non-Members

\$20.00 Children

Freetown Village Singers

Overview: Can you crack a code or carry a tune? Don't worry, you'll feel right at home with the Freetown Village Singers. The audience will participate in singing and learning the meaning of folk songs, work songs, and Negro spirituals (code songs), which slaves used to plot escapes.

Audience: General Public

Schedule: By Request

Location: Schools & Other Sites

Length: 30 minutes-1 hour

Standards: Social Studies & Music

Cost: \$300.00-500.00

1870 Wedding

Overview: Here comes the bride, the groom, a broom, and a surprise. The Freetown Village "residents" reenact a wedding including a broom jumping ceremony. Guests at the wedding will learn about early wedding practices and enjoy a lovely social experience.

Audience: Public & Groups

Schedule: Summer

Location: TBA

Length: 1 hour 30 minutes

Cost: TBA

Special Events

Freetown Village stages several period events to help visitors and guests experience a special event in African American history and culture.

Evening Dinner with Freetown Village

Overview: Nothing tastes as good as home 'cookin.' This interactive program allows groups, couples, and individuals to taste the 1870 style meal with other guests. They will participate in period

1870 Christmas

Overview: Activities such as singing, tree decorating, and sharing an old-fashioned Christmas message draw the audience into the holiday spirit. This program demonstrates the traditions of African American community during the 1870s.

Audience: Public & Groups

Schedule: December

Location: TBA

Length: 1 hour

Cost: TBA

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Emancipation Proclamation Ball

Overview: President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation in September of 1862. It became effective on January 1, 1863. The ball commemorates freedom and independence in the lives of former slaves. Guests enjoy period food, music, and dance.

Audience: Public & Groups

Schedule: September

Location: TBA

Length: 3 hours

Standards: Social Studies

Cost: TBA

19th Century Baseball Club

Overview: Baseball in 1870 was quite different from today's game of baseball. It hasn't always been astro turf, million dollar franchises and TV endorsements. In the mid 1800s, it was a gentlemen's sport attended by well-dressed ladies and men in top hats. Each year Freetown Village and other living history organizations re-create this popular American pastime as it was once played. The games are played locally and throughout the Mid-west.

Audience: Public & Groups

Schedule: By Request

Location: TBA

Length: Varies

Standard(s): Social Studies

Cost: TBA

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